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Reply Brief Noted

[1] The reply brief filed 26 January 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for a decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

[2] Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. DAVID RINES whose telephone number is (571) 272-5585. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm Mon-Fri.

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